

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 10/748,584 : PATENT APPLICATION

In re application of: :
Ralf Neuhaus

Filed: December 30, 2003 : **SYSTEM FOR SWITCHING,**
CONTROLLING PROGRAMMING AND
Examiner: Angelica Perez : **OPERATING COMMUNICATION**
DEVICES

Group Art Unit: 2618 :

Confirmation No.: 8952 :

Attorney Docket No.: 2000P24056WOUS :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
February 18, 2010

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Commissioner:

In response to the restriction requirement issued on January 22, 2010, Applicant elects the species shown in Figure 3 with traverse. Claims 25-39 are directed to the species of Figure 3.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement. There is no significant searching burden involved in the Examination of both species shown in Figures 3 and 4. The present application has been examined since 2007. No restriction requirement was issued until January 22, 2010 in the examination of the present application.

The searching conducted by the Examiner is not burdened in any way by searching for both species shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4. Indeed, the Examiner has already conducted such searching in issuing prior office actions.